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Crop Progress and Condition



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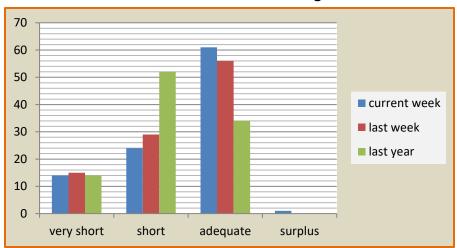
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<u>Agricultural News</u>: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.2. Weather conditions were mostly cooler with rain from Hurricane Delta. Farming activities this week included harvesting corn and soybeans.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/11/20

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
	%	%	%	%	
Topsoil	14	24	61	1	
Subsoil	12	22	65	1	

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/11/20



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/11/20

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	5	21	32	40	2
Soybeans	1	8	25	60	6
Pasture	5	12	20	59	4
Cattle & Calves	-	2	23	71	4
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	15	80	3

⁻ Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/11/20

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	85	80	89	75
Corn dented	98	92	87	90
Corn mature	61	50	56	61
Corn harvested for grain	23	9	36	28
Hay third cutting	60	50	72	69
Soybeans dropping leaves	49	38	59	56
Soybeans harvested	17	4	6	8
Winter Wheat planted	12	5	30	16

⁻ Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending October 11, 2020

West Virginia began the week under high pressure and with cooler than normal temperatures. The State warmed until mid-week when a dry cold front pushed through and brought temperatures back down to near normal. The last half of the week continued to cool as another cold front crossed, and remnants of Hurricane Delta brought precipitation to the Southern parts of the State. Overall, the State as a whole was very close to average as all stations were within +- two degrees of normal. The precipitation received during the week was from the cold front and the remnants from Hurricane Delta. Much of the rainfall fell in the Southern half of the State, where most stations met or exceeded normal for the week. The Northern half of the State received much less rainfall and continues to become drier. The Northernmost sections of West Virginia remain abnormally dry, and are expanding into moderate drought.

<u>Temperatures</u>: Martinsburg had the highest recorded temperature of 82 degrees. Parkersburg, Clarksburg, Belington, Terra Alta, and White Sulphur Springs had the lowest recorded temperature of 34 degrees. The state average temperature was 58 degrees.

<u>Precipitation:</u> Bluestone Dam had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.11 inches. Wheeling had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.02 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.59 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 10/11/20

	Temperature Temperature				Precipitation				
			•	eekly	We	ek's	Since April 1st	Same Week	Season
Station	High	Low	Average	Departure	Total	Norm	2020	Last Year	Normal
NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	74	38	58	2	0.02	0.58	16.64	21.41	22.94
PARKERSBURG	81	34	58	0	0.16	0.65	25.80	23.76	23.75
CRESTON	78	37	58		0.40		29.78	27.88	
NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	77	36	58	1	0.45	0.66	18.39	24.04	24.80
CLARKSBURG	76	34	57	1	0.19	0.70	26.96	22.50	26.62
BELINGTON	76	34	57		0.23		29.27	20.56	
WESTON	76	40	58		0.20		34.26	24.60	
SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	79	40	61		0.83		31.00	22.77	
HUNTINGTON	79	38	60	1	1.00	0.64	26.03	25.56	24.36
CHARLESTON	79	36	58	-1	0.75	0.61	31.85	24.57	25.32
RIPLEY	80	38	59		0.34		27.54	25.42	
CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	70	34	54		0.28		26.67	31.54	
ELKINS	74	35	55	1	0.22	0.67	34.89	27.97	27.30
MARLINTON	74	38	55		0.99		35.18	23.47	
SOUTHERN									
BECKLEY	77	36	55	0	0.87	0.58	32.64	20.99	24.56
PINEVILLE	77	40	60		1.04		33.50	18.69	
BLUEFIELD	72	41	57	-1	1.06	0.58	34.66	17.57	23.41
WHITE SUL SP	73	34	55		1.04		31.11	19.12	
BLUESTONE DAM	73	43	58		1.11		33.33	18.97	
NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	82	36	58	2	0.90	0.73	18.91	20.50	22.90
KEYSER	81	35	58		0.51		22.60	21.98	
MOOREFIELD	81	36	59		0.41		20.90	24.71	

State Average Temperature 58 State Average Precipitation 0.59

Source:

Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.